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SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF SUBCOMMISSIONS

1. IF THE INDIANS SUGGEST DELAY IN SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS, YOU CAN SAY THAT THIS IS ALL RIGHT WITH US AND THAT WE WILL NOT READ ANY POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE INTO THEIR ACTION. WE SEE NO PROBLEM IN DELAY FOR THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OR ECONOMIC GROUPS. ON THE FORMER, INDIAN SCIENCE COUNSELLOR HAD ALERTED US TO THE POSSIBLE GOI INTEREST IN DEFERRAL. WE INDICATED THAT U.S. IN ANY CASE WAS READY TO HAVE DATE SLIP ONE MONTH TO APRIL 12-13 (STATE 26090). WE SEE NO PROBLEM IN SLIPPING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION MEETING, FOR WHICH IN ANY CASE NO SPECIFIC DATE WAS SET.

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2. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM IN TERMS OF COMMISSION ACTIVITIES RELATE TO EDUCATION AND CULTURE GROUP. CU BELIEVES

THAT U.S. SIDE WOULD BE GREATLY UPSET IF INDIANS DELAYED SUBCOMMISSION MEETING AT THIS POINT AFTER SO MUCH PRELIMINARY WORK. MEETING IS NOW FIRMLY SCHEDULED AND BECAUSE OF BUSY SCHEDULES OF U.S. PRIVATE PARTICIPANTS,

ESPECIALLY GOHEEN, U.S. SIDE WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT HARD TO REARRANGE MEETING BEFORE THIS FALL. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL PENDING ACTIVITIES NEED SUBCOMMISSION REVIEW AND IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF NEXT MEETING TOOK PLACE AFTER LIKELY DEPARTURE OF JIM ROACH WHOM WE REGARD AS KEY MAN ON U.S. SIDE IN NEW DELHI. DEPARTURE OF PARTHASARATHY SHOULD NOT POSE PROBLEM. IN ANY CASE, FACT THAT HE DIDN'T MAKE IT TO THE LAST SUBCOMMISSION MEETING WAS A PLUS.

3. IN SUM, THEREFORE, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH DELAYS IN ECONOMIC AND SCIENCE GROUPS AND ARE PREPARED, IF INDIANS INSIST, FOR DELAY IN EDUCATION AND CULTURE GROUP AS WELL. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT POSSIBLE SIX MONTHS' SLIPPAGE MAY ENSUE IN THE CASE OF MEETING OF THIS GROUP.

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